

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

ACCESSING LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY DATA

The Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS) data are available for health related research purposes by entering into a formal research agreement with the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology (OHAE). The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC-DPH) is interested in making the best possible use of the data and furthering collaborations with academic centers and other institutions. Requests to use the LACHS data sets are considered on a case-by-case basis.

The guidelines for accessing LACHS data include the following:

A. Summary of Research Study Protocol:

- Prior to obtaining a data sharing agreement allowing access to the LACHS data, a detailed analysis plan is required. The analysis should include the title of the study or project, the purpose of the study, background information, specific aims of the project, method of data analysis and design including outcome of interest for indicators to be used and controlled for, anticipated start and completion dates and limitations of the study. Also describe how the results will be reported (i.e., report, peer-reviewed publication, presentation, etc.)
- With regards to data management and security, please describe the methods used to store the LACHS data and how the confidentiality of the data will be maintained.
- Within 2 weeks of completion or termination of the research project, the researcher will be required to return the data sets to OHAE, or destroy it and inform OHAE that you have done so.

B. IRB Approval

- Upon approval of the analysis plan by OHAE, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for the study is required from LAC-DPH. If applicable, current documentation of IRB approval from academic institution or center is required.

C. Data Sharing Agreement

- Once approval is received for the analysis plan and from the IRB, the data sharing agreement form will be signed. By signing the data share agreement, researcher(s) agree(s) to the terms and conditions outlined in that document.

- By signing this document, the researcher(s) agree(s) to have each presentation, publication, or other dissemination generated from the use of the LACHS data set(s) be reviewed by OHAE prior to its dissemination.
- The researcher is not allowed to explore additional research questions or conduct other types of analyses without the approval of OHAE.
- DPH retains all ownership rights to the data and the researcher does not obtain any right, title, or interest in any of the data.

D. Research Progress Reports

- We require that once you receive the data sets, you provide us a 1-2 page update of your research progress every six months. (Please send progress report to alightstone@ph.lacounty.gov and gmathew@ph.lacounty.gov).
- If you do not make demonstrable progress with your analyses within 12 months of receiving the LACHS data, we reserve the right to void this agreement. The researcher will be required to return the data sets to OHAE, or destroy it and inform OHAE that you have done so.

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